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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Conversation with Graham Martin
re Pincus - Symington

1. This memorandum is for your information only.

2. Graham Martin (new Ambassador to Rome, formerly to Bangkok) telephoned me on Monday, 25 August, to tell me that he had been visited by Mr. Pincus (of the Pincus - Paul team operating from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I believe) concerning various aspects of the "commitment", of recent press coverage, to the Royal Thai Government.

3. Graham went on to say that in his treatment of this subject with Pincus, he drew the conversation out to include details of the way in which he had organized his embassy in Bangkok in 1966 and 1967 deliberately to avoid either creating any new commitments or deepening any old ones. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In all of this, his emphasis was on his determination [REDACTED] prevent further American commitments or involvements regardless of pressures in that direction principally from our military side.

4. Graham went on to say that Pincus stated he was going to get in touch with me and that probably subsequent to the reconvening of Congress, Symington would ask that I appear before an executive session of the Committee. He said that others would probably be called, namely himself [REDACTED]

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6. Martin is leaving this coming week end for Turkey to head an American delegation to an international refugee meeting. He will return to Washington about mid-September. Thereafter, he plans to leave for his embassy in Rome sometime in October.

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